

## Procedures for Accessing Development Fund Loan

The Affordable Housing and Community Development Fund (“Development Fund”) ~~provide~~ financing options for the development of safe, decent and affordable housing in Indiana communities. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Fund was established in 1989 to provide financing options for the development of safe, decent, and affordable housing in Indiana communities. In an effort to streamline the multi-family application process, developers applying for Rental Housing Tax Credits (RHTCs) or Multifamily Private Activity Tax-Exempt Bonds (Bonds) may simultaneously request a Development Fund loan. To also access a Development Fund loan, you must indicate the Development Fund request on the “Multi-Family Housing Finance Application.”

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If a competitive application either (1) fails the Development Fund threshold review; or (2) Development Funds are not available to loan, IHCDCA will allow the applicant to submit additional information to identify other means of filling the development's financing gap. Upon timely receipt of requested information, these applications will continue to be allowed to compete for an allocation of RHTCs or Bonds.

Applicants who receive a Development Fund loan are subject to additional regulations and requirements, which may be found in the Indiana Code at I.C. § 5-20-4. Before requesting a Development Fund loan, applicants should familiarize themselves with these requirements. IHCDCA strongly encourages applicants to consult with legal and accounting advisors due to the complexity of these programs.

### Technical Assistance

IHCDCA's Multi-Family Analysts are available to answer questions you have about applying for a Development Fund loan. An Analyst can be reached by calling (317) 232-7777 or toll-free at (800) 872-0371.

### Development Fund Program Eligibility

Eligibility will be determined based on:

1. Whether the development demonstrates a need for a Development Fund loan in order to make a greater number of rental units affordable to lower income households.
2. Whether the development meets State and Federal requirements of all programs for which it is applying.
3. If the development ranking is sufficient for it to be awarded RHTCs or Bonds pursuant to the RHTC or Bond process.
4. The availability of Development Funds.

### Eligible Applicants

The Development Fund applicant must be a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), a Not-for-Profit (NFP) corporation that is exempt from taxation under sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, a Limited Partnership (LP), or a Limited Liability Company (LLC) organized under Indiana law. The Development Fund is required to allocate at least fifty percent (50%) of its resources to nonprofit organizations that are exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Code. Loans may be awarded or denied based on this requirement.

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**Development Fund Loan Limitation**

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The maximum DEVELOPMENT FUND loan request is \$1,000,000.

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**Development Fund Loan Cap**

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The applicant may not have an outstanding Development Fund loan balance (including the current loan request) on projects in construction at any one time that exceeds \$1,000,000.

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**Development Location**

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The development must be in Indiana. Additionally, Development Fund financing may not be used to assist properties located in the 100-year floodplain.

Projects located in communities with a local housing trust fund are eligible for Development Fund assistance if the local housing trust fund has made a significant enough commitment to the project to demonstrate local support.

IHCDA will invest Development Fund financing into projects in communities with local housing trust funds to meet IHCDA's match obligation under IC 5-20-4-14(B). As a condition to receipt of the Development Fund investment, the local housing trust fund must agree to both payment subordination and lien subordination for the local investment.

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**Uses of Development Fund Loan**

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A Development Fund loan may be used for acquisition, permanent financing, or construction financing (new construction hard costs or rehabilitation hard costs) of Development Fund-assisted units or to pay off a HOME CHDO Predevelopment loan, a HOME CHDO Seed Money loan, or a Development Fund Seed Money loan.

The Development Fund may assist rental, transitional, or permanent supportive housing.

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**Loan Term**

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The applicant may propose a loan term of up to two (2) years of construction financing and up to fifteen (15) years of permanent financing with a maximum fifteen (15) year amortization schedule or co-terminous with first-mortgage financing (whichever is less). Amortization periods of up to thirty (30) years will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

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**Interest Rate**

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The interest rate will be three percent (3 %). Justification for a lower rate will be reviewed and considered; however, such justification must demonstrate the necessity of a lower rate.

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**Security or Collateral**

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The Development Fund loan must be secured. Typically, such security is met by a mortgage on the assisted property, which may be subordinated to other financing, depending on whether there is sufficient collateral to fully cover the amount of the loan. For a Development Fund-assisted development, IHCD will subordinate, if the Development Fund loan plus other financing will not exceed 100% of the after construction appraised value. If financing is requested beyond this amount, IHCD may also accept liens on personal property or on other real estate. The security pledge should reflect the degree of risk inherent to the development and must be proportionate to the level of funding requested. The appropriateness of the security offered will be an element of the funding decision.

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### Threshold Criteria

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1. On or before the application deadline, the applicant must provide all documentation as instructed in the “Multi-Family Housing Finance Application – Development Fund Supplement.” **If the Authority requests additional information from the applicant, all documents are due on or before the date provided by IHCD staff.**
2. The applicant and development must meet all the requirements in this Schedule and Indiana Code § 5-20-4 and be supported by required documentation. **If the Authority requests additional information from the applicant, all documents are due on or before the date provided by IHCD staff.**
3. The applicant and any related party must not be out-of-compliance in connection with any other IHCD-funded project in which they are involved and/or must not be on any IHCD suspension list.
4. IHCD may disqualify any applicant that has a history of disregarding policies, procedures, or staff directives associated with administering any IHCD program, or programs of any other State or Federal housing entities. Such other entities include, but are not limited to, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Indiana Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Rural Development, or Federal Home Loan Bank.

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### Determining Development Fund Assisted Units

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The percentage of total development costs attributable to the Development Fund represents the percentage of units that will be considered Development Fund assisted. For example, if development costs are \$2,000,000 and the applicant is requesting \$500,000 in Development Fund financing, then twenty-five percent (25%) of the construction financing is via the Development Fund. As such, 25% of the units will be assisted with the Development Fund and must meet the requirements of the Development Fund program.

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### Occupancy Restrictions and Rent Limits

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Fifty percent (50%) of the Development Fund assisted units must be occupied by households whose incomes are at or below 50% of the area median income adjusted for household size (“AMI”), and the additional Development Fund-assisted units must be for incomes at or below 80% of AMI. Rental rates (including tenant-paid utilities) must not exceed the limits of the Rental Housing Tax Credit (RHTC) Program and/or the HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) Program as appropriate. **If Development Fund-assisted units are not developed with the assistance of RHTC or HOME funding, the RHTC rent and income limits will apply.** To insure that you are using the appropriate rents for your development, please contact a Multi-Family Analyst prior to application submission.

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All tenants who occupy Development Fund -assisted units must be income certified and recertified according to the requirements of the RHTC or HOME program as appropriate.

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### Minimum Period of Affordability

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The Development Fund -assisted units must meet affordability requirements for not less than fifteen years, beginning at development completion. The affordability requirements apply without regard to the term of any loan or mortgage or the transfer of ownership. The affordability requirements must be imposed by deed restrictions or covenants running with the land. Please note that the Development Fund affordability period may differ from that of the RHTC, HOME, or Bond program.

IHCDA may use purchase options, rights of first refusal, or other preemptive rights to purchase the housing before foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure to preserve affordability.

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### Property Standards

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- The completed development must meet the more stringent of the local rehabilitation standards or the Indiana State Building Code.
- The development must meet the accessibility requirements at 24 CFR Part 8, which implements Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.
- Multi-family units, as defined at 24 CFR 100.201, must meet the design and construction requirements at 24 CFR 100.205, which implements the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988.
- Newly constructed housing must meet the edition of the Indiana Energy Conservation Code published by the International Code Council that was in place at the time of application.

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### Underwriting Criteria

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In reviewing requests for a Development Fund loan in conjunction with RHTCs or Bonds, IHCDA will utilize the same underwriting criteria and analysis required by the then-current RHTC Qualified Allocation Plan for the State of Indiana. Applicants awarded a Development Fund loan in conjunction with RHTCs or Bonds may receive an offer of assistance (i.e., loan amount, loan term, interest rate, etc.) that is different from that requested. Applicants will be notified if changes should occur.

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### Development Fund Assurances and Certifications

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Applicants are required to submit an original, fully executed Development Fund Assurances and Certifications form. Applicants who receive funding are bound by the contents of this form and should consult legal counsel on its meaning and scope. The Assurances and Certifications form must be signed by the applicant's chief executive officer and must be attested.

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